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Change of venue of the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1989/183 of 28 July 1989, taking into account paragraph 4 (f) of section I of the General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, and taking note of the offer of the Government of Malaysia to act as host to the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, decided that the forty-sixth session of the Commission, in 1990, should be held in Kuala Lumpur, in accordance with paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

2. The Government of Malaysia subsequently informed the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific that it was not in a position to act as host to the forty-sixth session of the Commission. Therefore, it is now proposed that the forty-sixth session of the Commission be held at Bangkok from 4 to 13 June 1990 and the approval of the Council is requested.

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Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Director-General of the World Health Organization transmitted to the Secretariat, on 26 September 1989, resolution WHA42.15, entitled "damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti", adopted by the forty-second World Health Assembly in May 1989. The attention of the Council is drawn to paragraph 2 of that resolution, in which the World Health Assembly recommended that the United Nations Economic and Social Council request organizations and specialized agencies, each in their respective areas, to initiate similar programmes so as to contribute in assisting both countries to tackle the consequences of torrential rain and flooding. The attention of the Council is also drawn to General Assembly resolutions 44/177 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti and 44/179 on assistance to Democratic Yemen, which are summarized in paragraphs 132 and 133 of the proposed basic programme of work of the Council (E/1990/1).

2. The text of resolution WHA42.15 is annexed to the present document.

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Annex

WHA42.15. Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

The Forty-second World Health Assembly,

Noting with concern the damage caused by torrential rain and flooding, which has left hundreds of thousands of people homeless and resulted in the destruction of homes, health services and social facilities in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti;

Noting that the two countries struck by such disasters are among the world's least developed countries;

Realizing that both countries are in need of urgent humanitarian, material, technical, sanitary and medical assistance to deal with the damage caused by the rain and flooding;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to elaborate an emergency plan of health and medical assistance to rehabilitate hospitals and health units destroyed in these two countries by torrential rain and flooding, and to allocate funds for this purpose;

(2) to elaborate, in collaboration with the Governments of the two countries, a programme of health emergency preparedness and response to be implemented over the next five years to help obviate the consequences of torrential rain and flooding;

(3) to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to enable both countries to cope with damage caused by flooding;

2. RECOMMENDS that the United Nations Economic and Social Council request organizations and specialized agencies, each in their respective areas, to initiate similar programmes so as to contribute in assisting both countries to tackle the consequences of torrential rain and flooding.

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BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Interregional co-operation

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its second regular session of 1982, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional co-operation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional co-operation and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in this regard to the Council at its annual organizational session (decision 1982/174).

2. In pursuance of Council decision 1982/174, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, meeting in New York on 30 January 1990, recommended to the Council the following two subjects for in-depth consideration:

(a) Interregional co-operation in international trade facilitation;

(b) Interregional co-operation in the monitoring and assessment of traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes.

3. With regard to the first subject, it was felt that since by resolution 1989/118 the executive secretaries had been requested to submit a draft proposal on the topic selected last year, the subject would continue to be discussed in-depth by the Council.

4. The second subject was selected in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 44/226, whereby the Assembly, inter alia, requested each regional commission to contribute to the prevention of the illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products

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and wastes by monitoring and making regional assessments of the illegal traffic and its environmental and health implications, on a continuing basis, and to report to the Council at its second regular session as from 1990. The regional commissions were also requested to interact among themselves, and in co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme, with a view to maintaining efficient and co-ordinated monitoring and assessment of the illegal traffic. This process of interaction is a form of interregional co-operation, and the executive secretaries wish to receive further guidance from the Council on how to undertake this interaction through an in-depth discussion of the subject.

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BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Draft proposals submitted by the President on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council resolution 1988/77

DRAFT DECISION I

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1990 and 1991

I

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1990

A. Items for consideration at the first regular session of 1990

(1-25 May 1990)

1. The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work for 1990 and 1991 submitted by the Secretary-General, 1/ approves the following list of items for consideration at its first regular session of 1990:

1/ E/1990/1 and Add.1.

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. 2/

2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

3. Human rights questions.

4. Advancement of women.

5. Social development.

6. Narcotic drugs.

7. Elections, nominations and appointments.

8. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990.

B. Allocation of items for the first regular session of 1990

2. The Council decides to allocate the items for consideration at its first regular session as follows:

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. 2/

2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

7. Elections, nominations and appointments.

8. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990.

Items for consideration by the Second (Social) Committee

3. Human rights questions.

4. Advancement of women.

5. Social development.

6. Narcotic drugs.

2/ Under this item the Council will hear an oral report on emergency assistance to Somalia (General Assembly resolution 44/178).

C. Items for consideration at the second regular session of 1990

(Geneva, 4-27 July 1990)

3. The Council also approves, subject to rule 9, paragraph 4, of its rules of procedure, the following list of items for consideration at its second regular session of 1990:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. 3/

2. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments.

3. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

4. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

5. Regional co-operation.

6. Development and international economic co-operation: 4/

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

   (c) World Food Council;

   (d) Transnational corporations;

   (e) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

3/ The Council will hear an oral report on the convening of an international meeting on population in 1994 (Council resolution 1989/91).

4/ For its consideration of the item, the Council agreed on the following clustering of sub-items:

First part: sub-item (a);

Second part: sub-item (b);

Third part: sub-items (d) and (g);

Fourth part: sub-items (c), (e) and (f).

(f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

(g) International co-operation in tax matters.

7. International co-operation in the field of informatics.

8. Operational activities for development.

9. Co-ordination questions.

10. Programme questions.

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

12. Disaster reduction and relief:

(a) International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa;

(b) Disaster relief co-ordination.

13. Special economic and humanitarian assistance.

14. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 5/

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

D. Allocation of items for the second regular session of 1990

4. The Council decides to allocate the items for consideration at its second regular session of 1990 as follows:

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments.

5/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda.

3. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

4. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

14. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Items for consideration by the First (Economic) Committee

5. Regional co-operation.

6. Development and international economic co-operation: 6/

(a) Trade and development;

(b) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

(c) World Food Council;

(d) Transnational corporations;

(e) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

(f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

(g) International co-operation in tax matters.

7. International co-operation in the field of informatics.

Items for consideration by the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

8. Operational activities for development.

9. Co-ordination questions.

6/ For its consideration of the item, the Council agreed on the following clustering of sub-items:

First part: sub-item (a);

Second part: sub-item (b);

Third part: sub-items (d) and (g);

Fourth part: sub-items (c), (e) and (f).

10. Programme questions.

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

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(b) Disaster relief co-ordination.

13. Special economic and humanitarian assistance.

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

E. Letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

(E/1990/19)

5. The Council decides to consider the proposal contained in the letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1990/19), concerning the question of an international convention on the rights of disabled people, at its first regular session under the item entitled "Social development".

F. Advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 15 December 1989 in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/75 on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

(E/1990/15)

6. The Council decides to refer the letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1990/15 and Add.1), transmitting the advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 15 December 1989 in pursuance of Council resolution 1989/75 on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to its first regular session for consideration under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

G. Reports of the World Food Council and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

(E/1990/1, para. 7)

7. The Council decides that, when considering at its second regular session the reports of the World Food Council on its sixteenth session and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its fifth session, it will not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the co-ordination aspects of the work of those bodies.

H. Report of the Trade and Development Board

(E/1990/1, para. 8)

8. The Council decides to consider at its second regular session the report of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the second part of its thirty-sixth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

I. Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

9. The Council decides to take up the question of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at its second regular session of 1990 within the context of its consideration of item 6 (a) (Development and international economic co-operation: trade and development), and decides to devote one plenary meeting for its consideration.

J. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

(E/1990/1, para. 9)

10. The Council decides to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during the period from January to December 1990.

K. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

11. The Council decides that, when considering at its second regular session the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-seventh session, it will not consider the part of the report dealing with the United Nations Population Fund, except for the recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council.

L. Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

(E/1990/L.13)

12. The Council decides to consider the recommendation contained in resolution WHA 42.15, entitled "Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti", adopted by the forty-second World Health Assembly (E/1990/L.13), at its second regular session within the context of its consideration of the item entitled "Special economic and humanitarian assistance".

M. Report of the task force on documentation

(E/1990/13)

13. The Council, having considered the report of the task force on documentation (E/1990/13), requests the task force to prepare a final report for consideration at its second regular session under agenda item 3 entitled "Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council".

N. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

14. The Council decides to focus, at its second regular session, in its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments (item 2) on the issue of resources for development and external indebtedness of the developing countries.

II

QUESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1991

15. The Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1991:

A. First regular session of 1991

(7-31 May 1991)

B. Second regular session of 1991

(3-26 July 1991)

[For the text of the list of questions, see document E/1990/1/Add.1.]

DRAFT DECISION II

Dates of the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

(E/1990/2, para. 8)

The Council decides that the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, which was scheduled to be convened at Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990, will be held from 13 to 23 March 1990.

DRAFT DECISION III

Forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

(E/1990/L.12)

The Council, recalling its decision 1989/183 of 28 July 1989 and having considered the note by the Secretariat regarding the change of venue of the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/1990/L.12), decides that the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall be held at Bangkok from 4 to 13 June 1990.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Reconvened special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

(E/1990/17)

The Council, having considered the letter dated 25 January 1990 from the Chairman presiding at the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1990/17), decides to reconvene the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations for one day on 24 May 1990, with a view to concluding the work on the formulation of the code of conduct on transnational corporations for transmission to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session.

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Addendum

DRAFT DECISION I

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1990 and 1991

I

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1990

0. Regional co-operation

(E/1990/L.14)

The Council decides to consider at its second regular session, under the item entitled "Regional co-operation", in pursuance of paragraph 1 (h) of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, the following two questions on an exceptional basis: (a) interregional co-operation in international trade facilitation and (b) monitoring and assessment of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: regional and interregional co-operation in this field.

P. Annual policy review of operational activities for development

The Council, recalling its decision 1989/186 concerning arrangements for the 1990 annual policy review of operational activities, decides:

(a) To conduct its annual policy review of operational activities for development for 1990 and focus on ways and means of ensuring the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211, including the proposed three-year schedule for implementation of the resolution by all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

(b) To reiterate the request contained in its resolution 1989/114 that the subsidiary bodies concerned highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to make available the necessary documentation on this item in strict compliance with the relevant rules of procedure of the Council.

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Addendum

DRAFT DECISION V

Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114

The Economic and Social Council, stressing the importance of full implementation of Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114, decides:

(a) To hold discussions in 1990 on the following issue:

"The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular, on the economic growth and development of the developing countries as well as on international economic co-operation".

Such discussions will be carried out in accordance with paragraph 22 of Council resolution 1989/114. Accordingly, the Council shall devote one day at its second regular session of 1990, following the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, to informal exchange of views among members of the Council, with the active participation of the executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on this theme.

These discussions would assist the Council in preparing for a high-level in-depth consideration of the theme in the context of its multi-year work programme over a period of two days in 1991.

(b) In connection with the major policy theme for 1991, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) (iii) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77, to discuss as an urgent and emerging issue the following theme:

> The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular, on the economic growth and development of the developing countries as well as on international economic co-operation.

The discussion of this theme shall be at a special meeting at an appropriately high level, without excluding ministerial level, which shall be held on 4 and 5 July 1991, during the second regular session of the Council. This special meeting shall be separate from the regular proceedings of the Council and precede its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments. In this connection, the Council shall:

(i) Invite the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Council, to take the necessary measures to ensure the adequate preparation of this special meeting, including the possibility of proposing at the second regular session of 1990 appropriate modalities for this purpose;

(ii) Also invite all the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the successful outcome of this special meeting.

(c) To establish, on a provisional basis, the following indicative multi-year work programme for the in-depth consideration of major policy themes for 1992-1994 which will be considered in the context of a high-level special meeting of the Council and a review of the present sessional arrangements. This list will be reviewed annually and adjusted on a roll-over basis as necessary and as stipulated in relevant paragraphs of resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114. In reviewing such a programme of work, the Council should bear in mind the need to maintain balance between social and economic issues, the work programmes of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the progress in the revitalization of the Council.

1992

The international trade system and its impact on the development of the developing countries;

Eradication of poverty in the developing countries, including the impact of structural adjustment programmes on vulnerable groups;

1993

Environment and development;

Population, development and socio-economic indicators;

1994

Technology and industrialization in the development process of the developing countries;

International co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs.

(d) To request, in the context of the above, the President of the Council to continue his consultations between the organizational and the second regular sessions of 1990, on all relevant matters concerning the revitalization of the Council.

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft decision

Annual policy review of operational activities for development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1989/186 of 28 July 1989, decides that at its second regular session of 1990 the discussion on operational activities for development will focus on the following themes:
(a) implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989; and
(b) implementation of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 44/212 of 22 December 1989.

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Emergency assistance to Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned at the devastation caused to Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna by cyclone "Ofa" from 2 to 6 February 1990, which resulted in loss of life, destruction of housing and extensive damage to economic and social infrastructure, as well as to agricultural, transport and industrial sectors,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/236, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction beginning on 1 January 1990,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 43/189 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling further that Samoa and Tuvalu have been designated by the General Assembly as least developed countries,

Conscious of the efforts of the Governments concerned and the peoples of Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of cyclone "Ofa",

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Conscious also of the prompt response being made by Governments, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the Governments and the peoples of the affected countries and territories, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral co-operation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments concerned and peoples of Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Wallis and Futuna;

2. Expresses its appreciation to all members of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries and territories;

3. Urges all members of the international community to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and territories;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of the affected countries and territories in identifying the medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of reconstruction of the affected countries and territories undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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Status of documentation for the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of the pre-session documents for the first regular session of the Council, as at 20 March 1990 and is submitted to the Council for its information.

2. The documentation for that session should have been submitted to the Division of the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services by 13 February, in order to allow adequate time for policy and other clearances, editing, translation and reproduction, and circulated by 20 March. Explanations for any delays will be provided by the responsible offices at the first regular session of the Council.

3. In accordance with paragraph 10 of Council resolution 1989/114, the Bureau of the Council reviewed the status of the preparation of the documentation for the first regular session and consultations with members of the Council on the matter were held by the President of the Council on 5 March. The Bureau, and the Council meeting informally, viewed the situation as far from satisfactory, in particular with regard to the reports of the Secretary-General. The Bureau requested that their displeasure be conveyed to the concerned offices of the Secretariat. The Secretariat was requested to expedite the processing of the documents. The Bureau also considered the various alternatives regarding the measures to be proposed to the Council. In this regard, attention should be drawn to the importance of the work being carried out by the task force on documentation.

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 20 MARCH 1990

Item	Title or description of document	Submitting department or office a/	Date of submission to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services b/	Actual (estimated) date of submission to the Department of Conference Services	Actual or projected date of issue c/
2	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination				
	Report of the Secretary-General:	HR			
	(a) On the implementation of the Programme of Action (E/1990/20)				
	(b) Analysis of replies from Governments (E/1990/20/Add.1)		19 March		
3	Human rights questions				
	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee adopted at its thirty-seventh session (23 October-10 November 1989) (E/1990/44)	HR	12 February	13 February	26 March
	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fourth session (Geneva, 15 January-2 February) (E/1990/23, Suppl. 3) d/	HR			2 April
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-sixth session (Geneva, 29 January-9 March) (E/1990/22, Suppl. 2) d/	HR			

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	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (A/45/___-E/1990/21)	HR	(Expected week of 19-23 March)		
	Report of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on apartheid, racial discrimination and racism, and the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/45/170-E/1990/32)	HR	19 March		
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	Note by the Secretariat transmitting section IV of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1990/37)	HR	12 March	14 March	27 March
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5	Social Development				
	Supplement to the 1989 Report on the World Social Situation (A/45/137-E/1990/35)	IESA	28 February	16 March	9 April
	Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (Vienna, 5-16 February) (E/1990/31, Suppl. 10)	OPGS/ECOSOC	27 February		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice and on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (E/1990/36)	UNOV	(Expected week of 19-23 March)		
	Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/1990/38)	UNOV	12 March	20 March	13 April
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Status of documentation for the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of the pre-session documents for the first regular session of the Council, as at 11 April 1990 and is submitted to the Council for its information.

2. The documentation for that session should have been submitted to the Division of the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services by 13 February, in order to allow adequate time for policy and other clearances, editing, translation and reproduction, and circulated by 20 March. Explanations for any delays will be provided by the responsible offices at the first regular session of the Council.

3. In accordance with paragraph 10 of Council resolution 1989/114, the Bureau of the Council reviewed the status of the preparation of the documentation for the first regular session and consultations with members of the Council on the matter were held by the President of the Council on 5 March. The Bureau, and the Council meeting informally, viewed the situation as far from satisfactory, in particular with regard to the reports of the Secretary-General. The Bureau requested that their displeasure be conveyed to the concerned offices of the Secretariat. The Secretariat was requested to expedite the processing of the documents. The Bureau also considered the various alternatives regarding the measures to be proposed to the Council. In this regard, attention should be drawn to the importance of the work being carried out by the task force on documentation.

Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 11 APRIL 1990

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2	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination				
	Report of the Secretary-General:	HR			
	(a) On the implementation of the Programme of Action (E/1990/20)		19 March	2 April	18 April
	(b) Analysis of replies from Governments (E/1990/20/Add.1)		19 March	2 April	18 April
3	Human rights questions				
	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee adopted at its thirty-seventh session (23 October-10 November 1989) (E/1990/44)	HR	12 February	13 February	28 March
	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fourth session (Geneva, 15 January-2 February) (E/1990/23, Suppl. 3) d/	HR			10 April
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-sixth session (Geneva, 29 January-9 March) (E/1990/22, Suppl. 2) d/	HR		3 April	4 May

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	Add.1		27 February	4 April	20 April
	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice and on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (E/1990/36)	UNOV	21 March	30 March	20 April
	Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/1990/38)	UNOV	12 March	20 March	16 April
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Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The following suggestions proposed by the Secretariat concerning the organization of the work of the first regular session of 1990 of the Economic and Social Council are based on the provisional agenda for the session, which is set out below, and on the allocation of items decided upon by the Council at its organizational session for 1990 (decision 1990/201).

2. The proposed schedule of work annexed to the present note was drawn up with due regard to the availability of documentation and conference facilities. A note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session has been issued in document E/1990/L.18. Meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In connection with the length of statements in the general discussion of items on the agenda, the Secretariat suggests continuing the procedure established last year, namely, that an indicative time-limit of 15 minutes should be set for statements under clustered items (items 3 and 4) and 10 minutes for statements under other agenda items.

Statements in explanation of vote

3. It will be recalled that, by its decision 1989/174, the Council decided to discontinue, for a further period of two years, from 1990, summary records for its sessional committees (First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social) Committee and

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* E/1990/30.

Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee). Delegations wishing to have their statements in explanation of vote reflected in the summary records of the Council should make such statements in plenary meetings, at the time the reports of the sessional committees are considered, without prejudice to any other statements that they may wish to make in the committee.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

4. It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue the practice followed over the past years concerning statements in exercise of the right of reply, namely, that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item, that the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, and that the first intervention should be limited to five minutes and the second intervention to three minutes.

Elections

5. With regard to the elections to be held (item 7), the regional groups are urged to hold their consultations well in advance and to sumbit their nominations to the Secretariat by Friday, 17 May 1990.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1990

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

3. Human rights questions.

4. Advancement of women.

5. Social development.

6. Narcotic drugs.

7. Elections, nominations and appointments.

8. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990.

Annex

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1990

Plenary

Week of 30 April-4 May

Tuesday, 1 May

a.m. Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Consideration of letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights addressed to the President of the Council (E/1990/23, annex)

Oral report on assistance to Somalia

Week of 7-11 May

Monday, 7 May

12 noon Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 1

Wednesday, 9 May

a.m. Item 2 a/ Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Introduction and general discussion of item

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Action on draft proposals

12 noon Closure of list of speakers on item 2

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a/ In accordance with established practice, during the consideration in plenary of item 2 (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination), no meetings of the Second (Social) Committee will be scheduled.

Thursday, 10 May

a.m. Item 2 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Continuation of general discussion

6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 2

Friday, 11 May

a.m. Item 2 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Introduction of draft proposals

Week of 14-18 May

No meetings

Week of 21-25 May

Wednesday, 23 May

a.m. Item 2 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Action on draft proposals

Item 7 Elections, nominations and appointments

p.m. Item 7 Elections, nominations and appointments

Thursday, 24 May

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of the reports of the Second (Social) Committee on items 4, 5 and 6

Friday, 25 May

a.m. Consideration of the reports of the Second (Social) Committee on item 3

p.m. Item 8 Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990

Conclusion of work of the first regular session

Second (Social) Committee

Week of 1-4 May

Tuesday, 1 May

p.m. Election of Vice-Chairmen

Item 6 Narcotic drugs

General discussion

6 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 6

Wednesday, 2 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 6 Narcotic drugs

General discussion (continued)

3 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 6

Thursday, 3 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 6 Narcotic drugs

General discussion (conclusion)

Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session

Friday, 4 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 4 Advancement of women

General discussion

Item 6 Narcotic drugs

Action on draft proposals

3 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 4

Week of 7-11 May

Monday, 7 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 4 Advancement of women

General discussion (conclusion)

1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 4

Tuesday, 8 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 5 Social development

General discussion

Item 4 Advancement of women

Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fourth session

1 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 5

Wednesday, 9 May

p.m. Item 5 Social development

General discussion (continued)

Item 4 Advancement of women

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 10 May

p.m. Item 5 Social development

General discussion (continued)

1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5

Friday, 11 May

p.m. Item 5 Social development

General discussion (conclusion)

Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its tenth session

Week of 14-18 May

Monday, 14 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 3 Human rights questions

General discussion

Item 5 Social development

Action on draft proposals

1 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 3

Tuesday, 15 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 3 Human rights questions

General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 16 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 3 Human rights questions

General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 17 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 3 Human rights questions

General discussion (conclusion)

1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3

Friday, 18 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 3 Human rights questions

Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-sixth session

Action on draft proposals

Conclusion of work of the Second (Social) Committee

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draft resolution

Revival of the Ancient Library of Alexandria

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind Articles 13, 55 and 57 of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the promotion of international co-operation in cultural and educational fields,

Affirming the vital importance of preserving the cultural heritage of societies,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Conscious of the four main objectives of the World Decade for Cultural Development, as set out in General Assembly resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986,

Welcoming the progress made by Member States and by international, regional, governmental and non-governmental organizations towards the development of activities within the framework of the Decade,

Taking note of the Aswan Declaration 1/ regarding the project undertaken by the Government of Egypt aimed at the revival of the Ancient Library of Alexandria,

1. Welcomes the goals of the project as outlined in the Aswan Declaration;

2. Expresses its deep appreciation for the valuable support provided by the organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as by the donor countries, for the efforts of the Egyptian Government aimed at the revival of the historial heritage of the Library of Alexandria, which owing to its multidisciplinary and international character, will serve Egypt as well as the world at large;

3. Invites the international community to continue to lend its support for the efforts of the Egyptian Government towards the fulfilment of the various goals set out in the Aswan Declaration.

1/ A/45/169-E/1990/45, annex.